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For: Cutting Apparatus for

Window Coverings and

Methods Therefor

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The present communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed February 2, 2001 in the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

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- (Twice Amended) An apparatus for cutting a window covering to a specified length comprising:
 - a base having a substantially flat cutting surface;
- a frame overlying said cutting surface and mounted to said frame and said cutting surface defining a said base, receiving area therebetween for receiving a window covering;

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